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U.S. Recognition Of Chinese Reds

The Chinese Communists Want Early Jap Treaty

San Francisco, June 26.—The Chinese Communists called on Sunday for speed in writing a Japanese peace treaty.

They reiterated their demand that their contemplated "Democratic Coalition Government" participate in drafting the treaty.

The Chinese Reds supported the Russian demand that preparations be made by the Pacific Big Four—with Communist China substituting for Nationalist China. These views were expressed in an editorial of the Tientsin Progressive daily and broadcast by the Peiping radio. It was heard by the Associated Press in San Francisco.

Reject Offer With Disgust

London, June 26.—The London and Manchester branches of the National Union of Railwaymen today rejected the offer, which was supposed to remain secret, but which was leaked today, "on good authority," to be a three shillings per week increase for lower paid workers and nothing for those earning over £4.18.0 a week.

The Manchester men declared for a resumption of the "go slow" working. Delegates representing 1,500 union branches will meet in London on Tuesday to discuss the wages situation.—Reuter.

CAPSUIMUN PASS COLLISION

Three are missing as a result of a collision early this morning between a river steamer and a junk in the Capsuimun Pass, off Tsun Wan.

The Kwai Hoi, owned by the Kwangai Navigation Company, was proceeding through the channel shortly after 8 a.m. from Kowloon, while the junk, Hui Fat, with a crew of 17 and six passengers, was heading in the opposite direction.

The collision threw all of the occupants into the water, and although 20 were saved, three are still missing.

The junk sank in less than 10 minutes. It was carrying cargo as well as passengers. Of the three missing men, two were members of the crew, and the third a passenger. No one aboard the Kwai Hoi was injured.

FLYNN IN SICILY

Palermo, Sicily, June 26.—The American film star Errol Flynn has arrived here to inspect Sicilian sites for possible future films.

He is the guest of Prince Raimondo Lanza di Trabia.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

Hands Playing Out Of Harmony

THE Chinese Communists again appear to be playing that paradoxical game of not letting the left hand know what right hand is doing. While in Shanghai and elsewhere their troops have conducted themselves in an exemplary manner, their administrators have introduced reasonable regulations, and their attitude to foreigners has been courteous to a point of being almost obsequious—while these have been some features of the New Order—their Peiping Radio and their official newspaper organs have been pounding out an anti-foreign theme, false in fact and vicious in content. Last week's vilification of the Hongkong Government was a blatant example of distorted propaganda—so absurd as to be laughable to those Chinese who know Hongkong, or are today living here, but cunningly convincing to those Chinese who have never had the opportunity of seeing the Colony and enjoying the benefits of its magnanimous administration. It is a thousand pities that the Chinese Communists, who by their personal behaviour in cities such as Shanghai, Peiping, Nanking and Tientsin, gain the confidence and friendship of their foreigners, should permit their propaganda machinery to come between such desirable relationships. Likewise the inspired attack upon the good faith of the only British-owned newspaper in Shanghai, The North China Daily News, has brought sharp doubts in the minds of Britons and other foreigners about the actual intentions of the Communists in their dealings with third power nationals and their interests. The freedom of the press is a genuine concern of the Western democracies—freedom, as distinct from licence, and while it is now apparent that the North China Daily News technically violated the somewhat rigid regulations imposed by the Chinese Communists on newspaper reporting, this did not merit the hounding to which the NCDN was subjected by official and semi-official

Reds Predicted

SENATOR TAFT FORESEES LOT OF PRESSURE

Washington, June 26.—Republican Senator Robert Taft today predicted that the administration would exert a "lot of pressure" for full diplomatic recognition of the impending Communist regime in China.

Senator Taft made his statement as he and other Senators urging more American aid for the Chinese Nationalists awaited the State Department's decision on whether the United States would observe the Nationalist blockade of Communist-held ports.

Republican Senator William Knowland told the United Press that if the State Department, in collaboration with the British, chose to ignore the blockade, it would mean American policy has undergone a complete shift and that the United States is now backing the Communist Government.

The State Department is discussing its future course in China with other nations affected by the passing of Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist regime in North China. It was not hinted whether the Communists would be recognised, but some time soon—perhaps this week—the Department may issue a White Paper on the entire Chinese situation. The document reportedly will charge that corruption within the Chiang government led to the Nationalist downfall in North China and withholding of further American aid to the Nationalists.

On recognition of the Communists, President Truman could recognise the Red government without asking Congressional approval. However, if he wanted to implement the

programme with funds and a United States Ambassador, he would have to ask Congress for approval of both.

Senators Taft and Knowland and a bi-partisan group of 19 other Senators appealed to the President on Friday to withhold recognition of the Communists and instead bolster the faltering Nationalists with more assistance and friendship.

Mr. Taft said: "There will be a lot of pressure to recognise the Communist government. I think it should be discouraged in every way possible."

He added that Mr. Truman's nomination of Mr. W. Walton as Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs provided Congress with the "best possible opportunity" for a full-scale review of China policy.

Mr. Walton's nomination had been held up in the Senate because some members claim he is too intimately associated with the China issue which Republican Senator Arthur Vandenberg has characterised as a "tragic failure".

SIGNS APPARENT

While Mr. Butterworth's confirmation by the required two-thirds vote appears probable, several Senators are indicating they will insist on a full debate on the China issue before permitting the nomination to come to a vote.

Senator Knowland said while recognition of the Communists might not be recommended by the State Department, "today or tomorrow, the signs were apparent that such a step was under consideration. He cited orders to the United States Ambassador to China, Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, to keep his headquarters at Nanking after the Communists took control of the city, rather than to follow the traditional practice of travelling with a friendly government to an emergency capital."

Senator Taft cited signs that the State Department had adopted a "pro-Communist attitude" in Indo-China, which he had described earlier as a "stepping stone from communism to the East Indies," where "Latin (American) interests" were involved.

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A Defiant Archbishop



Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague is surrounded by members of his diocese as he leaves ancient Strahov monastery in visit which marked the end of his four-day semi-imprisonment in his Prague palace. The archbishop was driven from his throne in St. Vitus' Cathedral by screaming hecklers, apparently Communists, as he voiced defiance to what he called the Czechoslovakian Communist government's attempt to split up the Roman Catholic church in his country.—AP Picture.

MOCK BATTLE OF BRITAIN

Blitz Raids On Industrial Targets

London, June 26.—Smashing blitz raids on key industrial targets in the Midlands of England were today the main feature of the second day of Britain's nine-day "Exercise Foil" the biggest mock air action since the war.

In perfect summer weather, defending fighters at speeds of up to 600 miles an hour, screamed in pursuit of raiders, and engaged them in running dog-fights over half the country.

An American B29 Superfortress taking part in a bombing raid developed a "runaway engine" 30 miles south of Amsterdam but the plane landed safely in Holland.

Yesterday, another Superfortress taking part had similar trouble, and five people on board baled out.

After a night when the throbs of heavy bombers had recalled to Britons memories of the wartime blitz, there was only minor activity in the exercise early today.

An official bulletin issued today showed that two major night raids—one of them against London—were intercepted by Mosquitoes.

Over 500 planes are taking part. Superfortresses of the American Third Air Division based in Britain are making daylight raids, and American P-51 Mustang fighters are with the defence.

VALUABLE LESSONS

Western Union observers are studying the operations, and French, Belgian and Dutch personnel, are in the various operations rooms.

A senior spokesman said tonight, "Already we have learned a number of valuable and useful lessons, and as early as this, we can say that the exercise has been well worth while."

"We have gathered useful information about Britain's control and reporting system which gives police of enemy activity."

During today's raids, an "enemy" bombing force crossed the East Coast of England, in spite of defence efforts by American jet Shooting Stars based near Norwich. The bombing force split into small groups and attacked the Midlands. Jet Vampire fighters saved London from a raid when they shot up a small force of Superfortresses 20 miles west of the capital.

New Trade Union International To Be Formed Soon

Geneva, June 26.—Labour leaders representing at least 42 million workers in 38 countries voted today to set up a new, non-Communist Trade Union International. The new organisation, to be formally established within six months, will rival the new Communist-led World Federation of Trade Unions.

It will embrace "all free and democratic trade union organisations throughout the world." The decision was taken by 127 labour leaders called to a weekend meeting here by the British Trades Union Congress, which last January walked out of the World Federation in company with American and Dutch union representatives.

The meeting nominated a 14-man committee to draw up the new International's constitution. Mr. Arthur Denkin, President of the TUC, was appointed Britain's representative. Other regions represented were France, Italy, the United States, Germany, Australia and New Zealand, Denmark, Scandinavia, the Middle East, Asia, Africa and Latin America.

The International Trade Secretariats, a professional trade union grouping, was given an seat on the committee.

SIX REGULATIONS

The new International declared itself "ready to give full support to the Spanish people in their demand for civil liberties and trade union rights." The motion was proposed by the Spanish trade unions in exile.

The meeting laid down that the new International shall: 1.—Maintain close contact between the free and democratic trade union movements throughout the world;

2.—Assist the growth of trade unions in backward countries;

3.—Further peace;

4.—Seek to promote the economic, social and cultural interests of the peoples of war-devastated countries;

5.—Ensure full employment; and

6.—Increase the standard of living throughout the world.

New Currency Measures In S'hai Expected

Shanghai, June 27.—Although the conversion period has been ended new Government measures regarding foreign exchange and currencies are expected in the near future, it was reported in the press today.

An estimated 5,000 people converted their foreign currency holdings on the final day (Saturday) alone.

More than two-thirds of foreign currency deposit accounts were said to have been opened by financial, commercial and industrial firms, foreign missionaries and overseas Chinese.

The People's Bank of China, during the two days of the conversion period, is reported to have handled a "greater volume of business than in the preceding fortnight."

Individual foreign currency deposits ranged from a minimum of about US\$10 to several thousands.—Reuter.

STATES AFFECTED

In New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, railways, trams, gas and electricity services will be progressively restricted as the strike continues.

Mr. Williams said, "The strike will last as long as the authorities remain adamant and refuse to effect an amicable settlement that will bring industrial stability to the coal-mining industry, and contribute to the ending of these constant crises."

The Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph Chifley, is to confer tomorrow with Dr. Herbert Evatt, External Affairs Minister, and Mr. William Ashley, Shipping and Fuel Minister, when Government plans to deal with the strike will be prepared for submission to the full Cabinet.

Mr. Chifley refused to comment on or answer questions on the situation.—Reuter.

Cripps Fighting To Save Gold Reserves

London, June 26.—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, spent this week-end preparing for the second round of his struggle against the plan for convertible intra-European payments between Marshall Aid nations.

Sir Stafford will go to Paris on Wednesday for the meeting of the Inner Cabinet of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation to discuss his fight against the proposal, backed in Belgium and the United States, that Britain should make a proportion of her sterling payments to other

Marshall countries convertible into gold or dollars. The talks in Brussels last week ended in deadlock after Sir Stafford rejected the plan on the grounds that it would involve a further drain on Britain's dwindling gold reserves. The real problem is not exchange rates but bilateralism, but national investment policies in almost every country. Belgium and Italy have argued that gold and foreign exchange reserves by negotiating their internal capital investments. Britain has depleted her reserves by concentrating on internal capital investment, to raise productivity and release

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WOMANSENSE

Paris Using Toiles Mossy Crepes & Piques

PARIS. The character of weaves rather than of fibre weaves, coarse enough to show its construction and, this season, at any rate, given texture by use of time role, for instance, was played by toiles, and while many were of linen, others were cotton, rayon or dou-



PARIS INSPIRED—Designed for summer living, this cool comfortable junior dress has the high styling of a Parisian couturier creation and a modest price tag. Fashioned of iridescent Molytone chambray, the dress features a neatly fitted bodice with plunging neckline, a full-skirted skirt and the deep, wing-cuffed pockets introduced by Dior.

Reactions Caused By Penicillin

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN

OF late, as the use of penicillin has become more general, all of us have heard a good deal about the bad reactions which seem to develop now and then in certain patients.

It is therefore heartening to learn that among 10,000 patients treated with this life-saving drug by three New York doctors, no permanent damage from penicillin developed, even though a number of reactions were observed.

Safest Preparation

From their use of penicillin in treating this great number of patients, Dr. Evan W. Thomas and his co-workers concluded that it is the safest preparation yet discovered of use against this disease.

The doctors noted five types of reaction to the penicillin.

Hives occurred in about two out of every 100 cases. In some instances, the hives were quite mild; in others, very severe with a great deal of swelling of the skin and severe itching. In some of these cases, there was fever up to 104 degrees. The rash appeared 6 to 12 days after the first injection of penicillin and persisted for from 4 to 8 days.

The occurrence of hives does not mean that the treatment with penicillin must be permanently discontinued. Sometimes it may be necessary to stop it for about 10 days at the end of this time it may be resumed.

Symptoms Of Disease

It was also noted that in certain patients some symptoms of the disease itself seemed to become worse when the penicillin treatment was given. However, this only lasted for a short time.

It was also noted that certain types of skin rash occurred one or two days after treatment with the penicillin. It was thought that these rashes were due to fungus infection or ringworm and became temporarily worse, but disappeared within one to three days.

Another unusual form of skin rash was noted in some of the patients. This was a condition like hives which developed when the patient exposed his skin to sunlight. In such cases, stopping the penicillin treatment for ten days relieved the disorder and the penicillin again could be used at the end of this time.

Household Hints

To hang attractive plates on the wall, pinch together the largest loops of three dusters, hoops over edge of plate in shape of a triangle. Lace a piece of strong string through the smaller loops on the under side, and tie them tightly. Tie on a loop of string for hanging.

It isn't a joke if you slip in the bathroom. For safety's sake, if you possibly can, have grab bars installed in your bathroom and shower, and use nothing but nonskid mats.

Irritation Clean Up

Now and then, at the point where the injection of the penicillin is given, there may be some irritation or redness. However, this clears up within a short period of time.

Penicillin, of course, must be administered only under the direction of a physician. Should a reaction occur, the physician knows just what steps to take to clear it up, so that the penicillin treatment, if needed, can be resumed promptly.

New York Shop Window

DRESSES from New York designer collections (in a New York department store) are presented with accessories which pick up the colours of the prints. A pink and green print, yellow, blue, white and red, and white background, for instance, is shown with a pink frosted "lucite" bag, opalescent beads with pink and green lights, and pink scarf and gloves. A gray, yellow, and white print is accessorized with gray shoes, yellow scarf and gloves, a gray handbag, and silver-gray beads.

Under-water windows displayed "highlight" bathing suits worked in sea-blue and the shimmer of natural silken shades.

Stiff Weaves Continue

Among plain cottons for evening figure the iridescent or changeable organies launched last February. Schiaparelli particularly makes a point of them.

The midseason showings indicate that stiff weaves are resisting the renewed rivalry of supple ones, with faille, tulle and tulle the strongest among them, one or the other used for a few models in nearly every collection. Supple weaves gained ground, however; besides crepes and silk twills, chiffons were numerous for afternoon and evening.

Cotton in Leading Role

If any one fibre dominated in these showings, it was cotton. Chambrays and coarser calicos, sturdier toiles and piques appeared in practically every collection for daytime and for town as well as country wear.

Piques were also used for evening models, often combined with tulle or other luxury fabrics. Robert Piguet showed piques with small clove patterns, notably leaves, for both day and evening dresses.

Lawns, organies, batistes play a prominent role in party clothes, particularly as ground for embroideries. These are richer, and more hand-dome looking than last year. Jean Dessès shows a lovely white cotton sheer crossbarred

Dressy Navy Taffeta



By PRUNELLA WOOD

A NAVY taffeta frock with a skirt which swirls out crisply from a smooth hipline, and which has a moulded bodice with a very deep-plunging neckline, is the important half of this late day ensemble.

The bolero jacket which completes the ensemble has a fashionable collar which curves up high and away from the neck, and swaggy cuffs to harmonize. The frock fastens in front with tiny self-fabric buttons and loops, and the narrow belt and buckle are also of taffeta.

Learn To Sit Gracefully



On the set or off, Movie Star Ellen Drew remembers to sit gracefully. Your figure looks better, she says, if you are careful not to slump.

By HELEN FOLLETT

WHEN a woman stands, and when she walks, she is likely to be conscious of her figure, carry herself correctly. This consciousness is not always present when she is sitting. A lot of the women have a bad way of folding up in a chair, letting the shoulders fall forward and the head droop. That will not do. One gets a black mark in the world's beauty class. As for teenagers, they seem to like nothing better than to sprawl, feet wide apart, posture all wrong.

There are rules for pretty sitting. The farther back the thighs are placed, the more perfect is body balance, and the pose of the spinal column. Shoulders should touch the chair back. Between shoulders and hips there should be an inward curve that automatically lifts the chest, pulls in the abdominal muscles, creates easy, graceful lines.

Sitting in a huddled position contracts the lungs, interferes with full, easy breathing. In course of time the complexion

will lose colouring because the blood is not properly supplied with oxygen. It sends the head far forward, in time it will strain to near the level of the neck and—if one is getting along toward middle age and loves the good things of the table—it may grow a spare chin for which no woman has any use whatsoever.

The typist who does not sit tall and erect during her many hours of pounding the keys will find in time that she is taking on hip spread and the chest will be inclined to flatten. Along about four o'clock she suffers from fatigue, wishes she had married That Man, never started out for a business career.

There is more to this matter of posture than most women realize. Correct attitudes give snap to the figure. One wears one's clothes with smartness and distinction. More important than all, it has a beneficial effect upon the health, aiding the digestive system, quieting the nervous system.

Let's Eat IDA BAILLY ALLEN

Stuffed Squash Is Tasty

IT is better to buy full, plump-looking peas in the pods, or the skinnier kind? The best peas are medium-sized, and should not look shrivelled.

Cream Puffs

"When we buy turnips or beets, should we take along the tops?"

Yes indeed, they make fine greens. Lots of Vitamin A.

"How can you tell when green corn is ripe?"

Pull down the husks and peel. And watch out for worms!

"And what are those little vegetables that look like tart?"

Those are small patty-pan squash. Delightful steam-boiled or pressure-cooked, hollowed out, filled with tuna fish salad, and served as hors d'oeuvre. And the larger, sautians are wonderful filled with a savoury stuffing and baked.

"Could I use tinned veal loaf for the stuffing?" asked an earnest little platinum blonde, turning to the Chef.

"It would be very suitable," he answered. "Would you like the recipe?" Here it is:—

Dinner

Hot or Cold Tomato Cream Soup

Ham Cracker Canapes

Stuffed Patty-Pan Squash

Creamed Noodles

Cabbage and Cucumber Slaw

Cream-Puffs with Ice-Cream

Chocolate Sauce

Hot or Iced Coffee or Tea

Milk (Children)

All Measurements are Level

Recipes Serve Four

Stuffed Patty-Pan Squash

Select a medium-sized patty-

pan squash—sometimes call-

ing turban squash, or cym-

ber squash. Wash and trim

ends and dry. Hollow to within

1/2 in. of the edge. Dust with salt

and pepper. Fill with savoury

stuffing; cover with 3/4 c. fine

tomatoes or 1 small peeled, diced fresh tomato, 1/2 tsp. minced onion, 1 tsp. minced parsley and 1/4 c. minced green pepper. Add 1 tsp. melted butter or margarine. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

These may be "outside the budget," but they are fun to make for an occasional treat. For 1 doz. good-sized puffs, boil together 1 c. water, 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/4 c. butter or margarine. Then add all at once 1 c. flour. Cook and stir constantly until the mixture forms a ball and leaves the pan clean. Then cool.

Next add 4 eggs, one at a time, beating in each thoroughly before adding the next. Drop the batter by small tablespoonfuls, 2 in. apart on an oiled, flat baking pan or cookie sheet; bake 10 min. in a very hot oven, 450 F., then reduce the heat and bake 25 min. longer at 400 F. Cool, make an incision in the side of each puff, and fill with sweetened whipped cream or ice cream.

"Cream Puff 'Swans'": Prepare plain cream puff mixture. Shape small half-tablespoons of the batter into oblong mounds by means of a spoon dipped in hot water. With a pastry bag and a 1/4 in. plain pastry tube tip, squeeze out enough of the mixture to form 1 doz. 2 in. long curved "necks with heads" for the "swans." Bake and cool as directed. To "fashion" "swans," cut the cream halves lengthwise with a knife. Fill the lower halves with sweetened heavy cream flavoured with vanilla, whipped and stiffened by beating with a cold water, and dissolved over steam. Lightly press on the top of each puff, pinning out the "neck" slightly at the sides to form "wings." Dust the "necks" with powdered sugar. Brush the "necks" with melted margarine. Place in a "baking" pan, half surrounded with cubes, browned until tender, for a pond, with a little greenery about 35 min. Serve with cream.

Trick-Of-The-Chef: To make a "baking" pan, half surrounded with cubes, browned until tender, for a pond, with a little greenery about 35 min. Serve with cream.

Savoury Squash Stuffing: Car-

rots, 1 c. fine, white bread

cubes, 1 (1/2 c.) in. yeast loaf,

finely minced, 3/4 c. puff from tinned

line juice.

To cooked carrots, add a little

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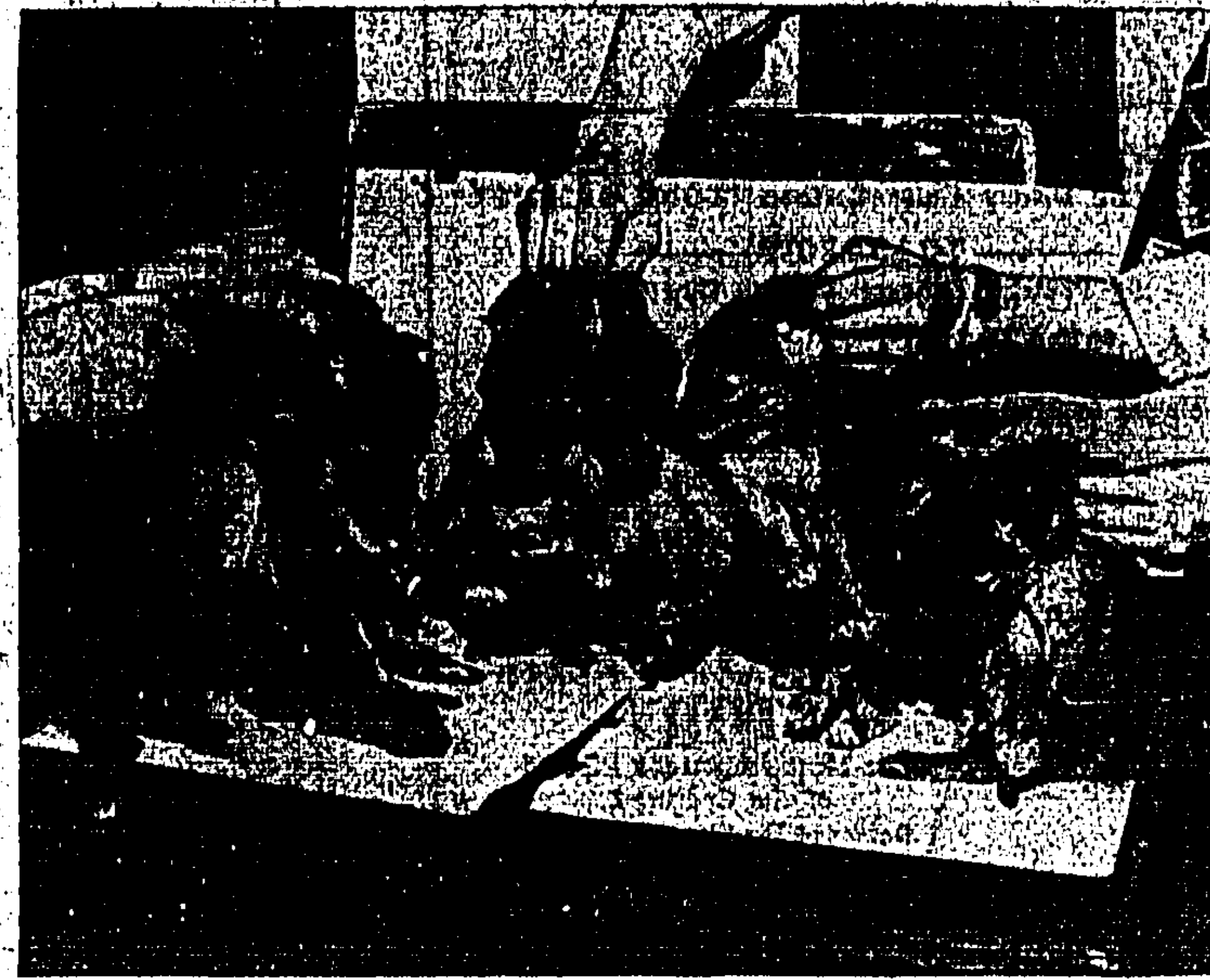
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



SCHOOL FOR GUIDES—Learning young is Harry Edwards, 10, of Havelock, Canada, who wants to be a guide when he grows up. He's already showing his sister, Lois Ann, how he'll bring fishing parties to the right places along Bolling Deer River in Ontario.



FIVE YEARS LATER—Normandy invasion beaches where British and Canadian troops landed are now free of debris, but Omaha and Utah beaches, where American GIs went ashore, are still littered with US landing craft.



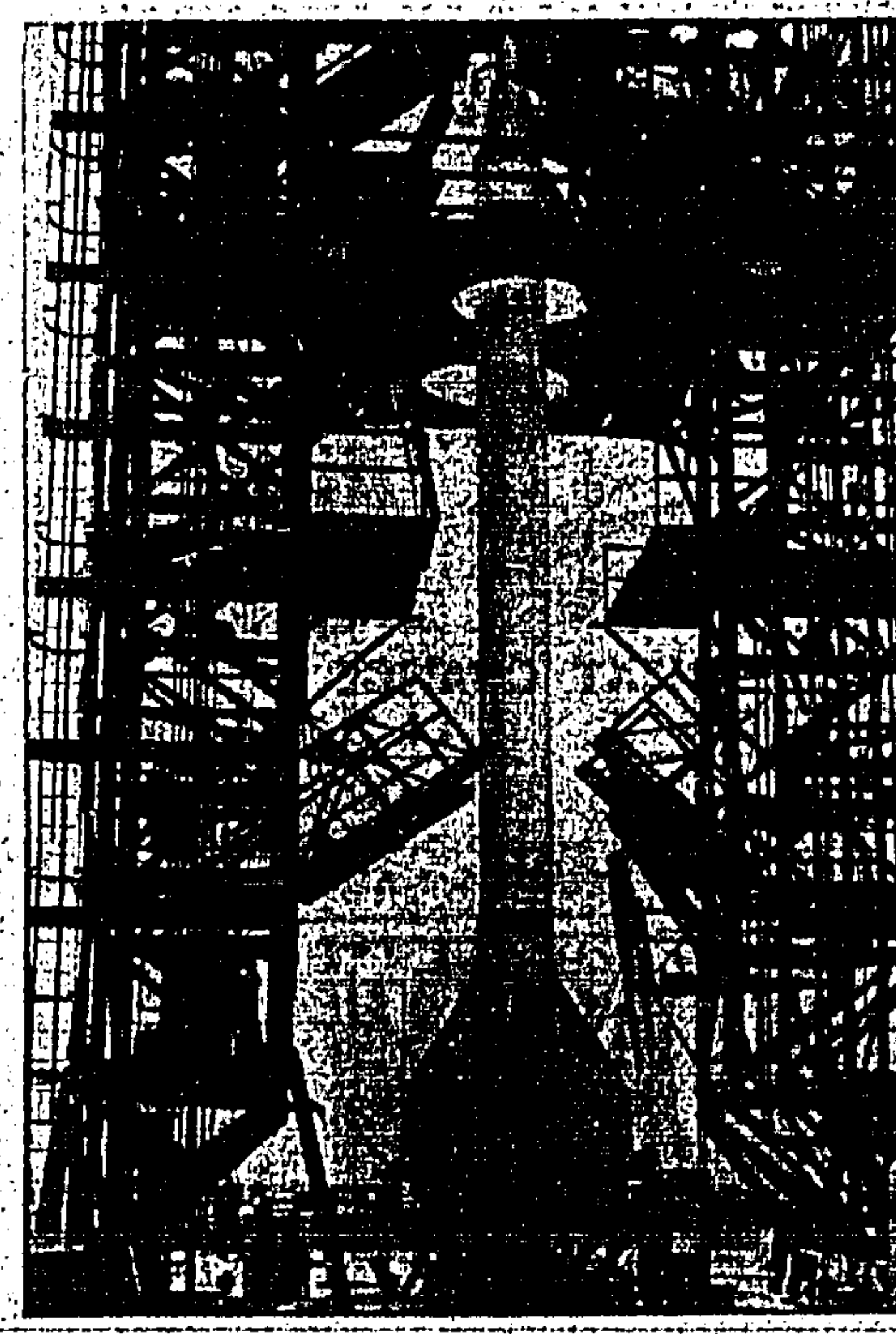
TOO DANGEROUS TO LIVE—Deputies in Polk City, Iowa, hold seven baby wolves in the county auditor's office. Found by Harold Wicker, of Granger, while hunting for mushrooms, Wicker turned the pups in for the \$5 bounty the county pays for each wolf. The animals were destroyed because of the menace they would become if allowed to grow up.



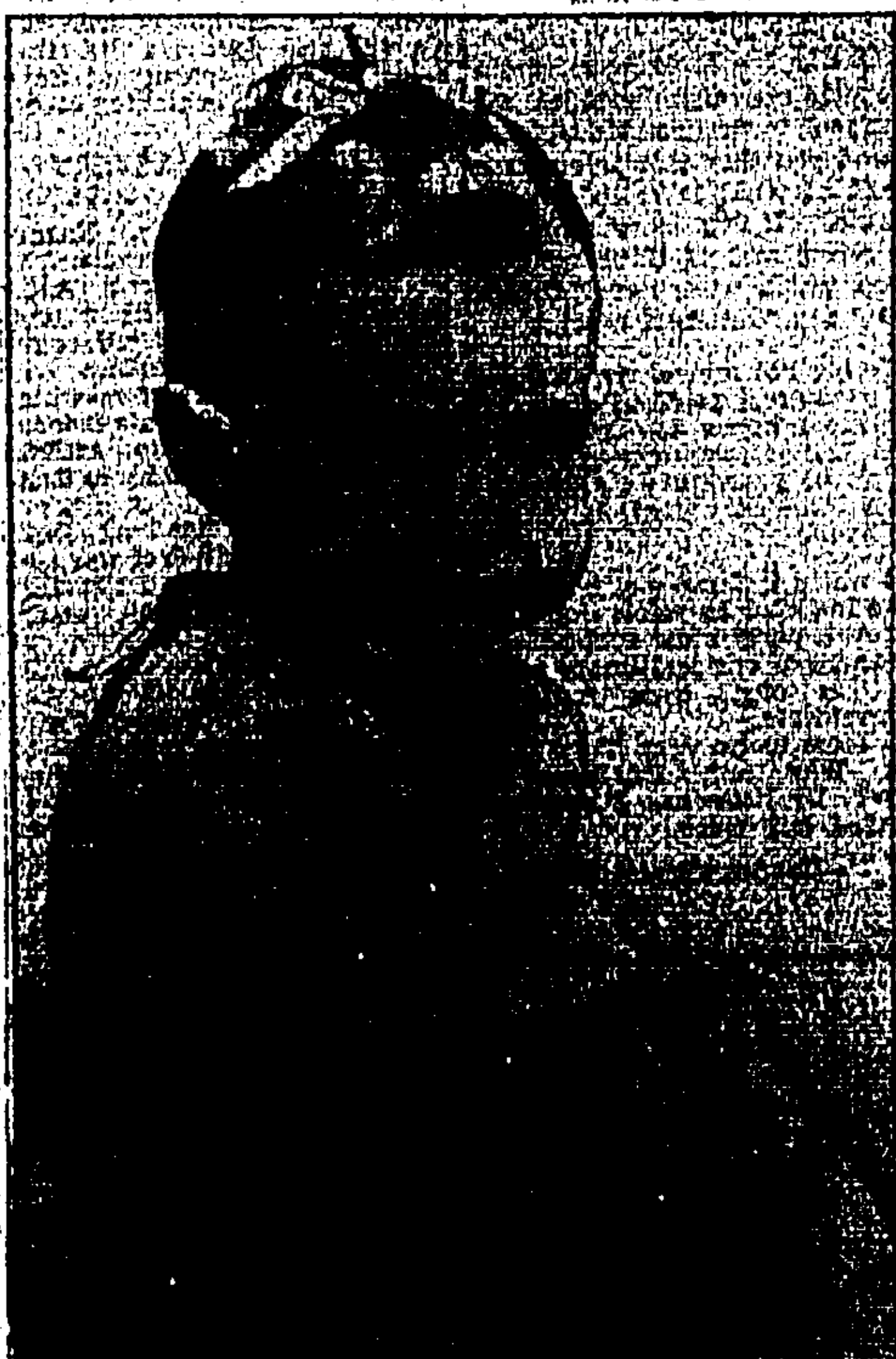
SHE'LL BE THE FIRST—Sgt. Pearl A. Jackson, of Jackson Heights, New York, gets a welcome letter from Maj. Sidney J. Altman, recruiting officer in New York. It informs her that she is the first woman to be selected for the US Marine Corps Women's Officer Training Class. Capt. Barbara Somers watches the presentation.



SEEK MORE PAY FOR GI HUSBANDS—Wives of service men gather in the Old House Office in Washington, DC, before separating to see individual Congressmen to enlist their support for the armed services pay increase bill. About 100 of them swooped down on Congress with demands that their husbands' service pay be raised.



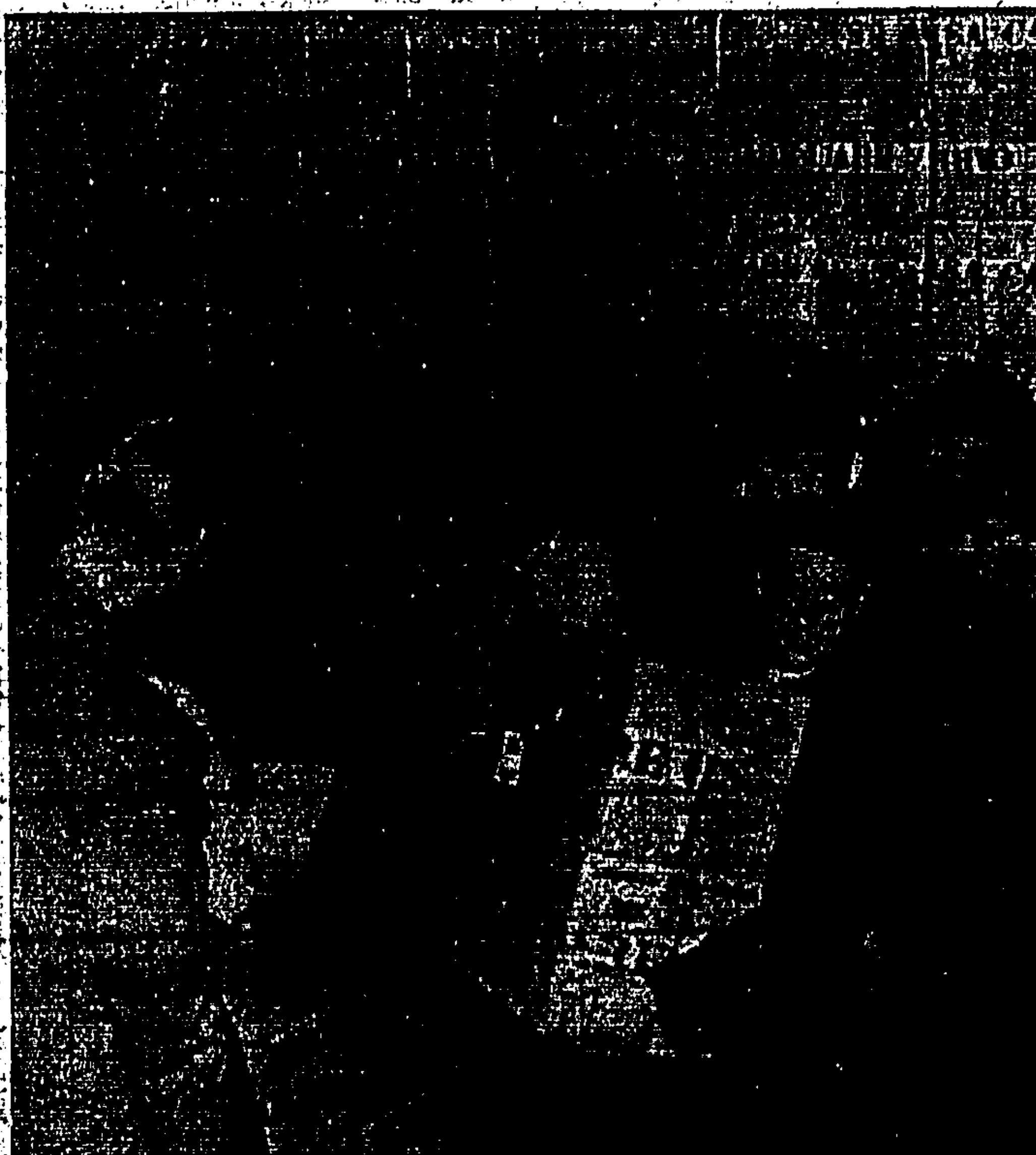
NEWEST—This is the new 45-foot rocket, developed to replace the German V-2. Technicians can reach all parts of it from platforms on the movable draw-bridge at the White Sands Proving Grounds, near Las Cruces, New Mexico. The weapon rose to an altitude of 51½ miles and attained a speed of 2,250 miles per hour.



PRETTY PICTURE—Mrs. Beatrice Ostrow, of Brooklyn, New York, needed an apartment for her family. She mailed out 1,000 postcards bearing this picture of her 15-month-old daughter, Francine, to real estate agents. Beulah was inscribed: "Won't somebody rent my mommy and daddy a nice apartment?"



FANCY—Pretty Marilyn Monroe, in Hollywood, wears this ermine costume in a new film with the Marx Brothers.



AID FOR STRIKERS—These anti-Communist railway strikers in the US sector of Berlin receive some help from the US. They are getting part of the \$5,000 worth of CARE food packages sent as a token gift by the American Federation of Labour.

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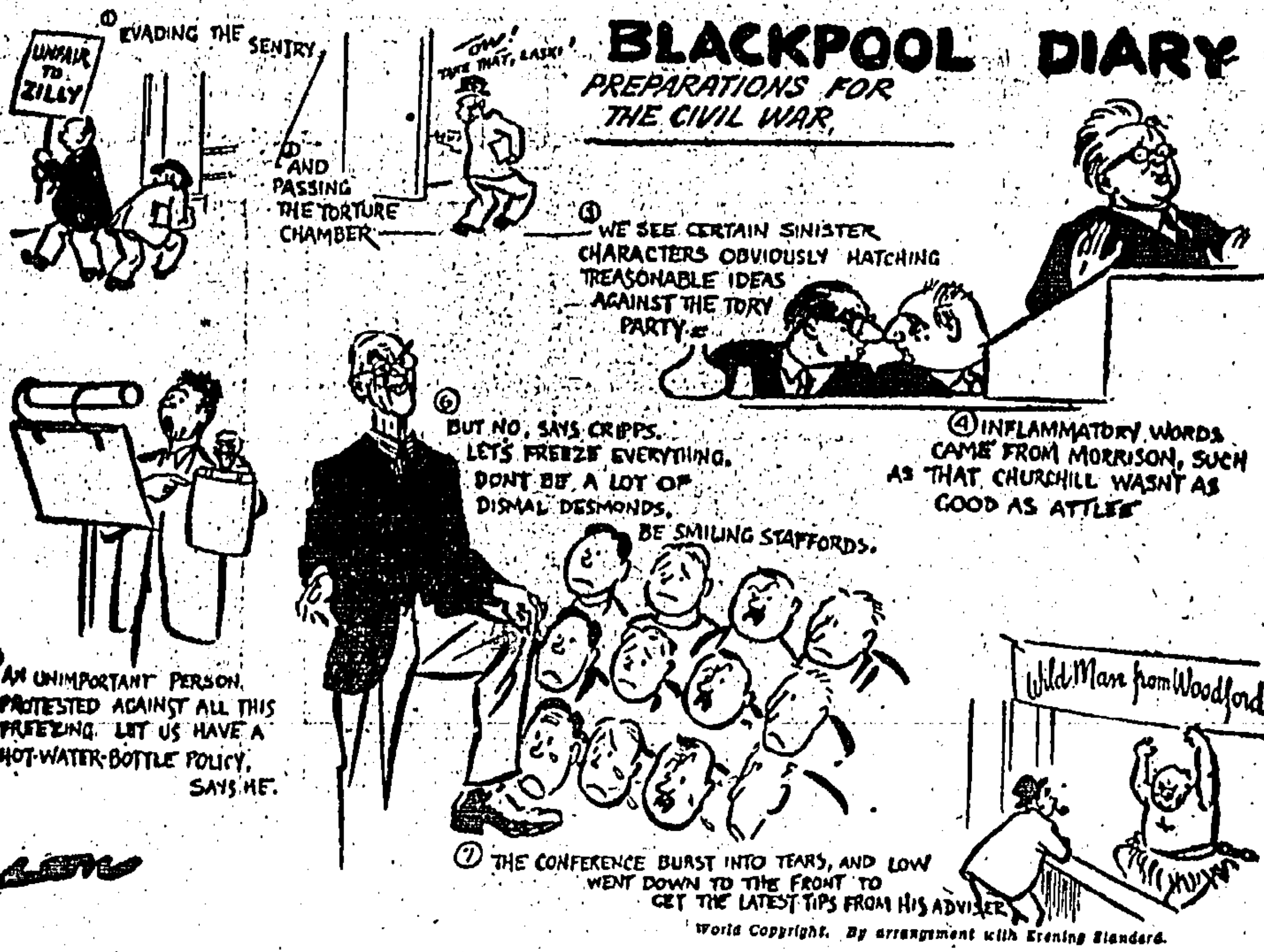
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The political pulse of Britain: Report No. 1 AFTER BLACKPOOL

LIVERPOOL.
WHEN at Blackpool I heard Herbert Morrison say, there are still—still, mark you—millions of working men who vote Tory instead of Socialist. I came all over all Little Audrey and did not stop laughing or running until I reached Liverpool.

The pretensions which these Socialists make! They think every working man should back them, even if they have to wrap the Bible in the Union Jack to do it. Among cities, this Liverpool is certainly the biggest Socialist city in the world. It is represented at Westminster by eight Socialists and three Tories, yet it claims to be the only important city which has never had a Socialist municipal government.

It is the hoariest of Tory cities, and contains such an admixture of British races that it properly claims to think politically about what the rest of us will think about 12 months hence.

It seems, therefore, an appropriate place for Dr. William Barkley to feel the political pulse of the nation. His diagnosis after eight hours' study of the political-medical profession. It is that the next election in Liverpool will return seven Tories and two Socialists. He may be wrong. He has been wrong before.

Redistribution of seats cuts the total number by two, and while it makes the election a bigger gamble than ever it appears to favour the Tories.

Working men Tories! The place is full of them, although, coincidentally, you had a Communist strike at the docks. Only 34 Socialists won their wards at the municipal elections. That gives the Tories more than 100 places in the city hall.

NO LETTERS

ALL the Blackpool conference nostrums, nationalisation of sugar, cement, and insurance, don't seem to be swallowed here at all. Tate and Lyle's have their biggest refinery here, and most of their workers live in the constituency of Alderman Kirby, Soc., Everton.

Mr. Kirby very frankly tells me that he has not received even one letter from any worker on this subject. They just are not interested. In spite of Blackpool pulpit thumping on this faded old theme of State ownership.

WITHIN a few hours of the winding up of the Socialist Party Conference at Blackpool, William Barkley took his famous Notebook on tour. He is using it as a thermometer to test the country's political temperature as the present Parliament nears its final year of office. Barkley, noted for his shrewd judgment—has taken a slice of Britain for his investigation. His reports will come both from the big cities and the countryside.

WILLIAM BARKLEY goes on tour..

CALLING FIRST ON 'THE OPEN-HEARTED MEN AND WOMEN LIVING ON MERSEYSIDE'

They will probably be against it, and it is a further inner conviction of the apparently united Socialist machine that the biggest individual shareholder in Tate and Lyle's is the C.W.S.

The Tory leader here is Alderman A. E. Shennan, by profession an architect, and by trade a builder of villas and bungalows. Half an hour with this stout, stately, grey-haired, Liverpool would cure all the weary william and tired timeliness in any one.

Mr. Shennan is a tonic. He is too good for Liverpool to enjoy alone. Tory as he is, he ought to be bottled under the National Health scheme by Mr. Ansell, B.E., and distributed to town clerks and city bums everywhere.

Before I met him a friend of his said, "Harold Wilson (President of the Board of Trade) is jealous as hell of him." It seems that under his leadership the Tory corporation has been streets ahead of any Government department in what is now called planning.

Mr. Shennan, among other things, is the Liverpool Cripps, the local chancellor of the exchequer.

His finance committee has bought 4,000 acres from Lord Sefton, including the whole parish of Kirby. It is planning a 500-acre industrial estate, and the rest is to be developed by housing. Communities for workers in the immense new factories which are going to spring up.

L.C.I. are starting an enterprise which will take half a million of road frontage. It is to be the finest asphalt road. It is to be the finest copper-tubing plant in the world, and its new processes will manufacture these products better and cheaper than any in the U.S.A.

Mr. Shennan is the chairman, too, of the whole Lancashire Industrial Association. All told, I should think his Industrial Advisory Committee of Liverpool demonstrates how a group of businessmen can show overwhelming superiority to the State servant in getting things on the move. But he is the first to say that he has had great help from the local Ministry of Labour.

ACHIEVEMENT.

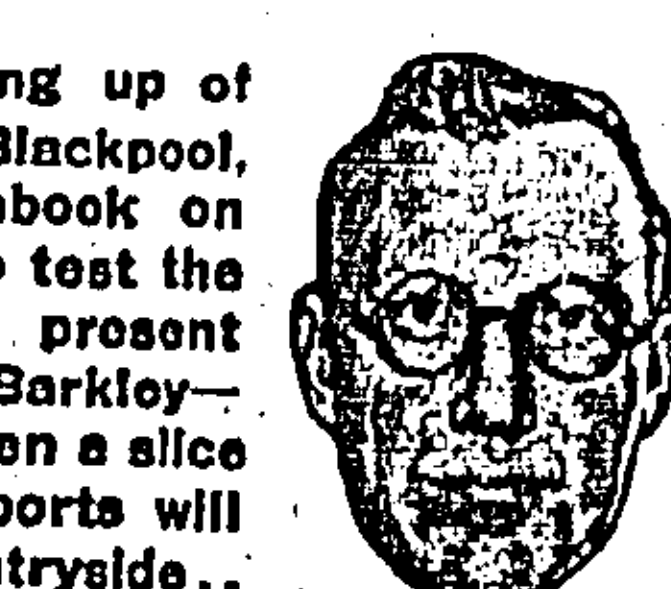
WHAT did the Shennanites set out to do? Twenty years ago they smelled that Liverpool's trading centre in the Edwardian era was not in future going to be what it used to be.

"We saw," he said to me, "that ships, for example, do not nowadays with turbines and oil-burning and diesel engines, need the large rivers that they formerly carried. The changing times meant heavy unemployment. Liverpool had never been an industrial city. We looked ahead amid the changing times."

In the three corporation industrial estates at Kirby, Spoke, and Fazakerley 28,000 men and women are now employed in jobs which did not exist 20 years ago. They are employed not by the corporation, but by private industries, which the corporation has coaxed to establish themselves—building factories for them if need be, but always helping.

This is claimed as a unique achievement, knocking spots off any record by a Government trading estate. It is so successful that there is now no unemployed female labour in Liverpool.

There are, alas, 20,000 men out of work, half of them getting old, but it is hoped to absorb many of them in the new projects.



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It was to me a wholesome reaction from the Socialist Conference with its grim assumption that private industry never plans anything while at the same time the party policy is to steal the fruits of past private enterprise.

Mr. George Pickles is another man here who seeks to rouse the local industrialists to action. He is in business as a manufacturer of processed food. He demonstrated the open-heartedness of these citizens of the world—whose eyes are on all the oceans to which the Mersey leads. Although it was 9.30 p.m. when I met him in the hotel, he processed a raw egg into one poached on toast for me in his own kitchen at 2 a.m.—after shattering me at snooker.

Mr. Pickles took no interest in politics until two years ago. Then the anger in his golfer's heart—he has just taken a cup off the Scots at St Andrews—moved him to talk to his fellows.

He saw how the closing of the Liverpool Cotton Exchange lost millions to the city and to Britain without anybody stirring a finger, except the cotton men. The other industrialists took the view "It does not hurt me; damn him I'm all right."

Mr. Pickles' immediate interest is to demonstrate that a threat to any one industry is a threat to all. He is calling a conference of all industries threatened with nationalisation.

Of these, in Liverpool, insurance is the greatest.

Many American companies were broken by these calamities. Liverpool's sagacious men had built up reserves and were able to pay in full all the claims, thus piling up prestige for British insurance, which today brings in £33 million a year from overseas.

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thought the Socialists had moved fast when in Dale-street, opposite the Tory office, I saw the sign "State Assurance." At a second glance I saw the words, "Co., Ltd."

It was Mr. Pickles who told me the story, familiar enough here, new to me and to most of you readers, how half a century ago this company (with others) sent a cable to San Francisco and earlier to Chicago when these cities were devastated by earthquake and fire.

It read: "Every dollar will be paid by us." The citizens of San Francisco and Chicago burst into tears of gratitude.

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Such facts will shake Sir Stafford Cripps in his acceptance of Socialist policy towards insurance—unless he is still, as he once was, not friendly to Communism.

OUR PRIDE

ONE day I will write a whole article on this subject of Liverpool insurance. Enough to remind you that this is another aspect of what is called "Tory misrule." It is a story of great pioneering and of thinking on things which were never thought up by any Whitehall official.

We are not mules, we British. We have great pride of ancestry and great hopes of posterity. God willing and man exerting. Let us be proud of our inheritance and be united in maintaining it.

It would inflame me, it would make me mad to think that too narrow a party view robbed us anywhere of our legitimate pride in our own national achievements.

I seem to be very Tory this time. Why not? I'd like to know? By heavens, I was all Socialist last week.

—(London Express Service)

SECRET PAST UNEARTHED BY ENEMY ACTION

By PETER LOVEGROVE

THE properties of coal had already been recognised in South Wales three thousand three hundred years ago. But it took World War Two to enable the archaeologists to establish the fact.

Proof was, accidentally obtained when it was decided to build a Royal Ordnance Factory at Bridgend, in Glamorgan, during the war. When the foundations were being laid on the site, two cairns were revealed, and were excavated by experts of the Ministry of Works. One of them, Simondstown Cairn, provided evidence of the use of coal as fuel in a funeral pyre of the Middle Bronze Age (about 1400 B.C.) and the other, Pend Cairn, yielded what has been described as the most complete record of burial ceremonial in the Bronze Age ever found in Britain.

These cairns were only two of many remarkable discoveries of ancient sites brought about by the building of camps, aerodromes, artillery ranges and other installations for our air war effort in the years after Dunkirk. Many of these interesting archaeological finds are now being destroyed in the over-riding national interest, but wherever possible they were examined scientifically and an adequate record made before the remains were obliterated or covered over. In no single instance was the archaeological work allowed to interfere with the progress of the general war work.

IRON AGE PITS
The construction of new airfields, in particular, yielded much valuable data on our early civilisation. At Marston, Kent, for instance, a settlement of the Iron Age was unearthed. There was no indication of it on the ground or on the available air photographs, but when the ground was being prepared for the laying of a hard runway, many pits were found to have been dug in the chalk and filled with soft, dark earth. When excavated, they yielded a great quantity of pottery, dating from the last three centuries before the Roman conquest of A.D. 43 and traces of the actual houses where the people who used the pits must have dwelt.

At Heathrow, Middlesex—now London Airport—a unique Celtic temple was found at one end of the main runway. Beaulieu Heath airfield, in Hampshire, supplied a Bronze Age mortuary house, and a necklace of eight hundred beads of amber, then, as now, an import from the East. Large gold earrings were discovered at Hadley in Berkshire. Some even earlier remains of the New Stone Age, about 5,000 years before the birth of Christ—came to light when an airfield was laid down near Bibury, in Gloucestershire. A timber building, surrounded by a moat, probably erected after the Norman Conquest, was found at Gungah, while a medieval watch tower unearthed at Membury, in Wiltshire.

Another discovery of vital interest to national history was made at Grint's Dyke, near Newbury in Berkshire. Digging a trench for an oil pipeline, workmen came across an earthenwork, which provides fresh evidence of the survival of the Hampshire towns of Silchester after the end of the Roman occupation. A prisoner-of-war camp at Houlton, Cambridgeshire was built on the site of a prehistoric hill-camp, and a Dorset stone quarry revealed an Iron Age village.

all 35 new airfields, an artillery range at Sonningbridge (Berkshire), a bombing target at Criche (Dorset) and several open-cast coal workings provided interesting information which sheds new light on the dim past.

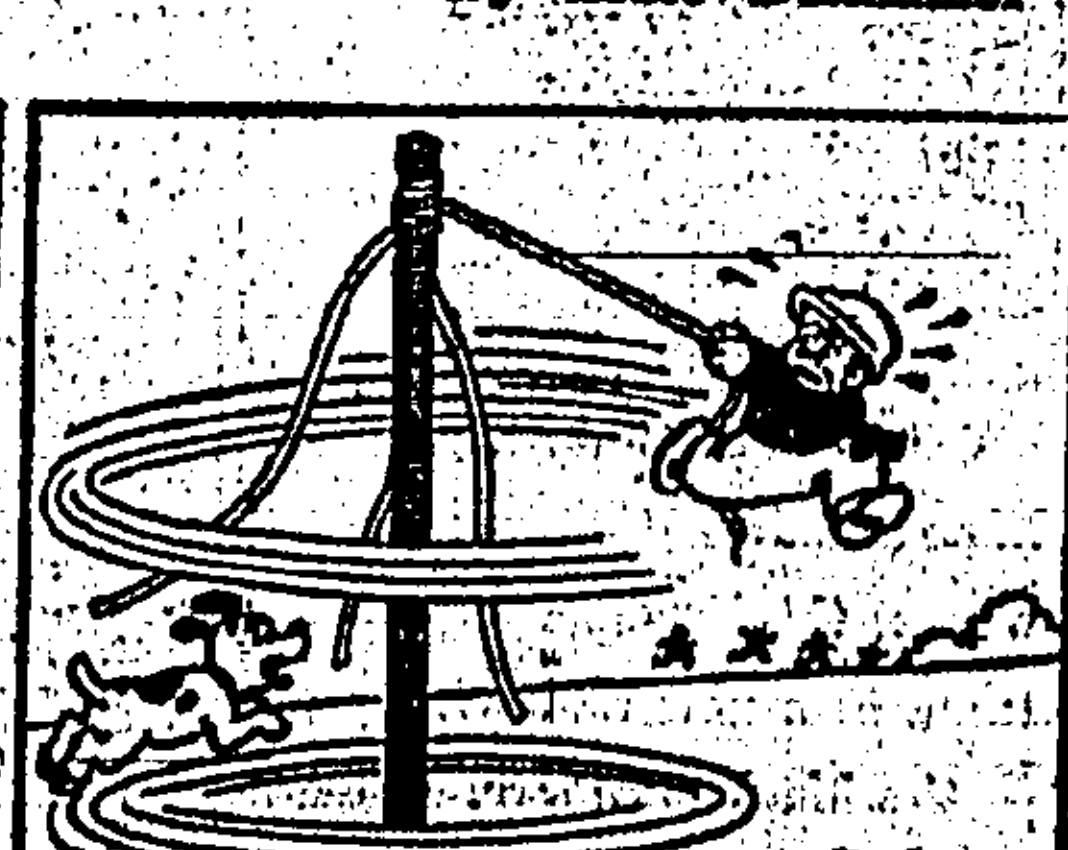
Georgian high explosive bombs, which destroyed so many of the most priceless possessions of our national heritage, also contributed to the discovery of interesting antiquities.

One of the most important is an early Saxon arch and parts of a carved Saxon cross-shaft found in the Church of All Hallows in the Tower in the City of London. They were revealed through a fall of plaster after the fire that gutted the church, and provide the first evidence of a school of Saxon sculptors at the beginning of the 11th Century.

CELTIC MONASTERY
A curious discovery was made in the Scilly Islands. Enemy aircraft set light to the uninhabited island of Helig. After the fire had burnt itself out, examination showed the remains, hitherto unknown, of buildings and enclosures which must have been a Celtic monastery, the earliest centuries of Christianity in England.

Southampton has long been known as a medieval town of great interest but its destruction by fire has revealed much fresh evidence in the form of stone walls, medieval cobbles and remnants of the houses which once stood above them. Though these are still full of debris, it is expected that when the survey now in progress is completed the full picture of the town in the Middle Ages will be known.

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Nanking Reds Break Up Old City Administration

Nanking, June 27.—The City People's Government today formally ordered the dissolution of the old Pao Chia administrative system set up by the Kuomintang.

The Pao Chia system was organised by the Kuomintang as the lowest level of city administration. It was also instituted in rural areas.

Berlin Rail Strike To Be Called Off

Berlin, June 26.—The unanimous decision reached by leaders of the West Berlin Railwaymen's Union to end the strike on Tuesday came after a stormy, four-hour meeting of the Union Executive and leaders of the Independent Trade Union Organisation (UGO).

The Western Commandants last night instructed the City Administration in their sectors to stop paying unemployment relief to strikers who had not returned to work by the day mentioned.

Strikers who made a written declaration that they no longer wished to work for the Soviet-controlled Railway Administration were exempted from the order and an attempt was to be made to find them other jobs.

The Western Commandants also ordered the Administration to convert into West marks the 40 percent of the railwaymen's wages which they receive in East marks.

The strikers had demanded 100 per cent payment in West marks and recognition of their West sector Union by the Railway Administration.

Heinz Bracht, Chairman of the Union said that the strikers had accepted the Commandants' letter in principle, but would continue to fight for recognition of their Union.—Reuter.

Flowers For Coffins Of Crash Victims

East, June 26.—Fishermen and townsfolk of Dart died solemnly through the mortuary here today to heap flowers on the coffins of 23 men, women and children who died in Thursday's Dutch airliner crash.

The identification of the first 23 victims recovered from the wreckage completed, the mortuary had been opened to the public, many of whom watched in horror as the KLM (Royal Dutch Airlines) plane hurtled into the sea.

Attempts by divers to find the wrecked fuselage, presumed to contain the bodies of the remaining 10 victims, failed again this morning.

It has been ascertained that the 10 missing are: Mahmoud Ibrahim, an Egyptian passenger, W. I. Van Dert, a Dutch passenger, the pilot Hans Plesman, and seven other members of the crew: J. Van Duik, A. G. Modar, L. Fok, J. M. W. Hout, D. M. Grandin, J. A. Van Der Mer and J. H. Ross.—Reuter.

Excursions To France

London, June 26.—The popular cheap day steamer excursions from Britain to France will be restored from tomorrow, British railways have announced.

The new steamer Maid of Orleans will make the trip four times weekly from Folkestone to Boulogne.

The fare will be £2 return.—Associated Press.

President Drives 150 mph Engine

Paris, June 26.—The President of the French Republic, M. Vincent Auriol, took a hand at piloting a new electric locomotive of the French Railways as he was travelling back today from Le Mans, where he had presented a Gold Cup to the winner of the 24-hour motor race.

The new locomotive is capable of a speed of 150 miles per hour.—Reuter.

Terrorists Attack Town Near KL

Singapore, June 26.—Terrorists three times unsuccessfully attacked the town of Kuala Kubu Bharu, 40 miles north of Kuala Lumpur, Malayan Federation capital, early yesterday.

Snipers hit the power station and the house of the British District Officer, but no damage was done. Police and troops are patrolling the area. A curfew has been imposed.—Reuter.

Bare-Fisted Bull-Fighter Disappointed

Rastatt, (French Zone of Germany), June 26.—A Bavarian bull which the Czechoslovak athlete Milos Hrazda had offered to fight with his bare fists proved here today to have the pacifist temperament of the fictional Ferdinand.

Some 400 bull-fight fans walked out, and others walked out as the bull played safely and harmlessly in the face of his antagonist's attempts to rouse a fighting spirit.

For 15 minutes Mr Hrazda danced around the bull, jumped at him and snarled him by the horns.

The animal either remained completely indifferent or turned all and trotted round the arena, presumably in search of flowers.

Finally the disappointed forerunner, who had been rehearsing with the bull for a fortnight, threw him by dragging his forefeet from under him.—Reuter.

UK Seamen Strike In Sydney

Sydney, June 26.—One hundred and eighty seamen walked off the 1,520-ton British ship Akarua tonight just before she was due to sail for New Zealand, after what one of them described as a dispute over shore leave.

This spokesman said the men had refused to obey an order by the ship's Australian agents to take three and a half days' leave here for Sunday work at sea. He claimed that the men would lose subsistence and pay if they took leave away from home.

A total of 2,000 men in 52 other British ships in port have promised support for the Akarua's crew, the spokesman said.

Ships' agents have the right to order men to take leave abroad, but in practice never use it, he added.

The ship is owned by the Shaw, Savill and Albion Company, Ltd., and registered at Southampton.—Reuter.

Sorghum For UK

Brisbane, June 26.—The first shipment of "Food for Britain" sorghum (a type of millet) harvested at Peak Downs, in Central Queensland—a token cargo of 50 tons—will leave for Britain on Tuesday.

The grain has been loaded on the 11,000-ton Paringa at the Queensland seaport of Gladstone. The ship had no space for more sorghum. It is loaded with butter, meat, cheese and wool.

Officials of the British Food Corporation, which controls the Peak Downs sorghum crop, said that the grain was arriving at Gladstone at the rate of 170 tons daily. It will be sent to Britain to feed pigs and later will be used in a huge pig-raising project in Queensland to provide large quantities of pig meat for Britain.—Reuter.

Canary Islands Earthquakes

Sanja Cruz, De Tenerife, Canary Islands, June 26.—Earthquakes and volcanic eruptions shook the tiny island of Palma today and panicky villagers were prepared to flee by sea.

Powerful explosions, followed by a shower of ash and red hot stones spewed from two small craters near the villages of Paso and Fuen Caliente, destroyed trees but caused no other damage. At the same time the quakes spill the earth into long fissures from which sulphurous fumes poured forth amid subterranean rumblings.—United Press.

Dr Cohen Elected

London, June 26.—Dr Abraham Cohen, Vice-President of the British Section of the World Jewish Congress, was elected President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews here today.

Dr Cohen, 62, was a long-time member of the Birmingham congregation, succeeded as President Professor Selig Brodetsky, whose appointment as President of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem was announced recently.—Reuter.

Re-Married In Church



Lucille Ball, film actress, and her bandleader husband, Desi Arnaz, were re-married in The Lady of the Valley church at Canoga Park, Calif., with the Rev Father John J. Hurley officiating. They were married in a civil ceremony at Greenwich, Conn., in November 1940.—AP picture.

2,000 Japanese War Prisoners Home From Russia

Maizuru, (Japan), June 26.—Two thousand Japanese war prisoners held in Russian captivity for four years, and believed to include the largest number of Communist converts to date, were finally returned to their homeland today.

They were aboard the 9,347-ton vessel Takasago Maru, which came from little-known Nakhodka, situated about 50 miles east of the security-shrouded Soviet naval base of Vladivostok.

BIG NEW AIRPORT PLANNED

Franco-Swiss Project

Basle, June 26.—France and Switzerland will sign a treaty for the construction of an international airport, to be known as Basle-Mulhausen, in known on July 4, it was announced officially here today.

With the signing of the treaty the way to actual realization of the much discussed project will be cleared.

Actual work will start, it is said, after the city of Basle has provided 20,000,000 Swiss francs and the Swiss Federal Government has voted another 8,000,000 francs.

It is expected that construction will start early in 1950 with the building of the runways.

Following that, extra-territorial roads will be built from French soil.

Completion of the project will probably require about three years. An airport capable of handling aircraft up to 140 tons is planned.—Associated Press.

Kentish Express Editor Dead

Ashford, (Kent), June 26.—Sir Charles Iggleden, 88, editor of the Kentish Express for 68 years, died today.

Sir Charles was past chairman of the British section of the International Association of Journalists and of the Ashford Rotary Club.

He wrote several novels, and works on English antiquities, one of his best known books being "A Mere Englishman". In America, he wrote in 1929 after a tour of the United States.—Associated Press.

Chowshan Islands "Chaotic"

Full Of Troops, Govt Officials

Shanghai, June 27.—With their population swollen by hundreds of Nationalist troops quartered in recent battles, Chowshan Island, off the Chekiang coast at the mouth of Hangchow Bay, are in a chaotic state, according to reports carried here by deserting Nationalist soldiers.

Housing shortages and disorderly conscription, resulting from the lack of a unified command, are said to be the main trouble in the islands, where half a dozen Nationalist provincial governments are taking refuge under the protection of the Navy.

Every home in the group of islands is said to be housing a group of soldiers or provincial government officials.

It is reported that the possibility of a general flare-up exists, as Nationalist military forces, regular and irregular, representing more than a dozen units, are forcibly taking men from each other in an effort to make up the manpower shortages caused by defections and losses suffered on the mainland.

One result is that soldiers now dare not walk alone in the streets lest they be "kidnapped" into another unit. They therefore go about in groups.

Prices are said to be skyrocketing because of the sudden increase in the islands' population.

Certain essential commodities are already unobtainable, while people are combing the treeless countryside for grass to meet the lack of fuel.

Leading Nationalist military and civilian officials are said to be planning to send their families to Taiwan.—Reuter.

PAPER TO RESUME PUBLICATION

Shanghai, June 26.—Sin Wan Pao, for years the largest newspaper in China, will resume publication on Wednesday, according to an advertisement in the Communist Liberation Daily. Its name will be changed to Sin Wan Jih Pao.

The paper, which at one time had a circulation of 300,000, will not be in the hands of the old staff, although some are to be retained.

Although it is still rated as a privately-owned paper, it is expected to follow the party line as closely as does the Ta Kung Pao, another privately-owned paper permitted to continue under the Communists.—Associated Press.

Tate And Lyle Fight Back

London, June 26.—Britain's largest sugar refining company, Tate and Lyle, is fighting back against the government's plan to nationalise the sugar industry.

Making the bitter with the sweet, the firm is printing and circulating leaflets on packages of sugar.

"Tate, Not State," and "Untouched by hand—hands off Sugar" are two of the slogans which will appear tomorrow on the 250,000 packages distributed daily by the company.

Another says: "If you hope to be in State, it's your funeral."—Associated Press.

Bow And Arrow Attack On Police

Calcutta, June 25.—A bow and arrow attack on a local police outpost near Suri, 120 miles north-west of Calcutta, in which Santals (aboriginal tribesmen) took part, led to two people being killed and an unidentified number injured, it was reported here today.

The police opened fire on the attackers. One policeman had an arrow wound.

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UNTIMELY ARREST

Rome, June 26.—International police today said the arrest of a dope smuggler at Rome airport last night had wrecked their carefully-planned move to trap one of the world's largest dope syndicates.

Vincent Trippa of New York was arrested as he was about to fly to New York with US\$400,000 worth of cocaine concealed on his person and in false suitcase bottoms.

The police said the action by Customs officers at Ciampino airport had broken everything open just when they did not want publicity on their activities.

The net to trap members of the multi-million-dollar racket was begun last year when American narcotics agents traced the origin of several million dollars' worth of dope seized in New York.

In Washington, Harry Anslinger, chief of the Treasury's Narcotics Division, said the arrest was part of a campaign by the American Government, in co-operation with Italy, France, Germany, Turkey and Greece to stamp out international drug traffic, but he said he had no information to support the statement that the arrest had wrecked a trap.

Plane Runs Down Embankment

Portland, Maine, June 26.—All 24 occupants of a United States Army aircraft were injured, two of them critically, when the plane overran a runway at the Municipal Airport of Portland today.

Plunging down an embankment into a river, eight of the injured were taken to hospital.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

—List of programs—Cathay, 6.00, Children's Story; "Dragons and Lizards" by Bernard Twiss. (Studio) 6.15, P.M. "The Time of the Year" by the Orchestra; 6.45, Hospital Requet Half Hour presented by Rose Arnold. 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McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Expert Makes Slam On This Game Bid

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Tournament—Both vul.
South West North East
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Opening—♥ 7 10

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

ANY time that Mrs. Helen Sobel, of New York City, enters a bridge tournament, the odds are in favour of her finishing in a win, place or show position. She has long been rated the world's outstanding woman player, and she is certainly one of the highest ranking players of the country among both men and women.

Mrs. Sobel devotes a great deal of time to playing bridge. However, she prefers rubber bridge to tournament bridge. She and her teammate, Samuel Fry, Jr., Mrs. Lester Rhodes and Richard F. Kahn, recently won the Eastern States mixed team-of-four championship. Then won 40 matches, which was 8½ more than the second place team.

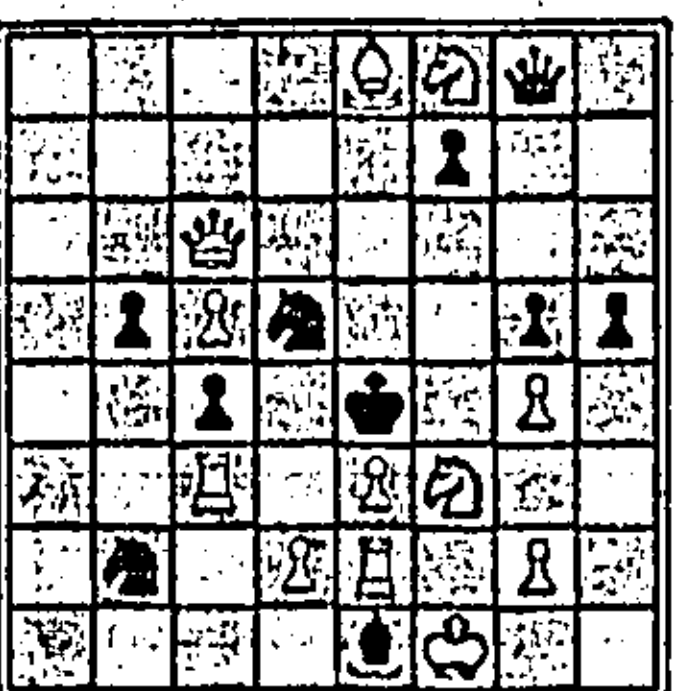
Kibitzing Mrs. Sobel is apt to become rather monotonous. You are always looking for something spectacular, but she bids her hands easily and smoothly, then carefully thinks over her line of play, planning every move she is going to make. If you watched her play today's hand, there would seem to be nothing difficult about it.

On the opening lead of the seven of hearts South played the ten-spot and Mrs. Sobel won the trick with the queen. She led a small spade to dummy's queen, then played the queen of clubs. South did not cover, so she let it ride, then led a small club from dummy, winning with the ace. Another spade was led to dummy's ace, picking up the trumps.

Now Mrs. Sobel ruffed the deuce of clubs in her own hand, which established the nine and three of clubs. She cashed the ace of hearts, ruffed a heart in dummy, and discarded her two diamonds on the nine and three of clubs. Thus she made seven-odd.

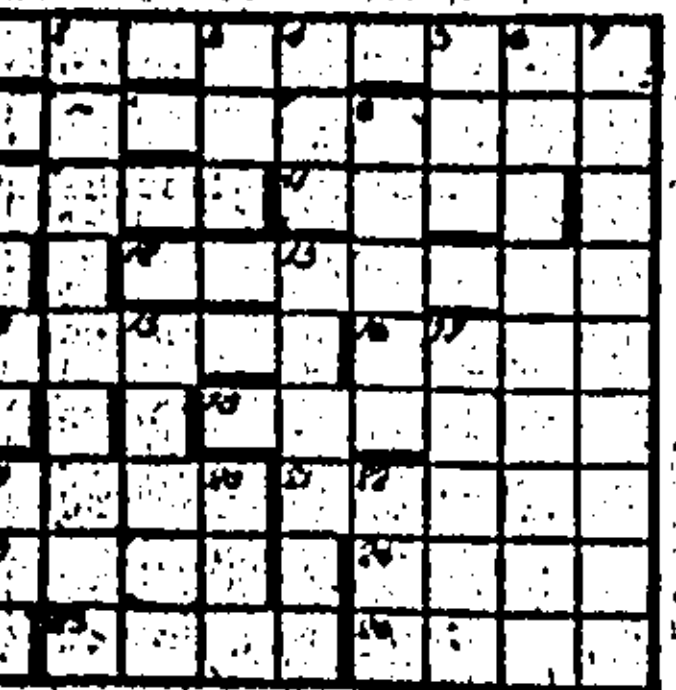
CHESS PROBLEM

By L. M. CONWAY-POOLE (BCF Tourney 50)
Black, 10 pieces.



White, 12 pieces.
White to play and mate in three.
Solution to Saturday's problem:
1. B-B8, any; 2. Q, or R (d4 ch, or d6 ch) mates.

CROSSWORD



- Across
- This name applies to a street marked on a map at one end.
 - Personal property should be.
 - It's the pace that makes it.
 - Survived in a boom boom.
 - Common (6).
 - It's a change from meat.
 - Some call it passage, some journey.
 - You could jump to this basket.
 - It's a (6).
 - Platter on the wing.
 - Dead-end (6).
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- Down
- Without pity.
 - Answer without have to find an instrument.
 - One in a million (10).
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DUMB BELLS



Check Your Knowledge

- Which is heavier, milk or cream?
- What is zinc-white?
- State the difference between Queen Consort and a Queen Dowager.
- How do dogs get rid of heat in their bodies?
- Who is internationally recognized as the "founder of modern nursing"?
- What is the modern name for the Hellespont?

(Answers in Column 6)

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Blackie Beetle Dug a Hole

By MAX TRELL

"WHERE are you going, my good lad?" Willy Toad said in his cheerful voice. "I'm not asking because I want you to ask me to go with you, but just in case you don't mind I think I will. I mean, if you ask me, of course."

Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, smiled. "I'm not going anywhere, Willy. But if you'd like to come with me you're welcome."

Willy hopped off the toadstool on which he had been sitting since early morning chatting with you, Knarf. I won't get very tired, and it won't take very long to get back."

So with that Knarf and Willy started across the meadow.

Always Pleasant

"Maybe we'll change our minds and go somewhere," said Willy after a minute or two. "If we go somewhere we might meet Somebody. It's always pleasant to meet Somebody, especially if it's a nice Somebody—like a Blue-bottle Fly."

Just then they met Blackie the Beetle coming out from under a rock.

"Howdy," greeted Blackie. He was wearing overalls and carrying a small rake and hoe.

"We're not going anywhere," Willy told him. "We'll probably change our minds and go somewhere and meet Somebody, like a Blue-bottle Fly," he added.

"Not going anywhere?" Blackie exclaimed. "You're just the ones I've been waiting for. Take this

hoe, Willy. Take this rake, Knarf."

Knarf and Willy took the two tools. Then Willy crawled under the rock and came out again a moment later with a valise. "Come along," said Blackie. "We're going to the other side of the blackberry hill and dig."

"Dig?" said Knarf, not liking the idea at all. It was too far to go, and he didn't much like digging. "Dig WHAT?"

"Dig a hole. Just dig a hole," answered Blackie.

Knarf didn't mind going. But Willy had to be dragged along. Finally they reached the other side of the blackberry hill. "We'll dig the hole right under here," Blackie said, setting down his valise and pointing to a large brown rock. "Go ahead, Willy. Start digging. It's much more useful than not going anywhere."

"I guess," said Knarf to Willy as they started back, "you're going to live down there. We helped him build a new home."

"Paugh," said Willy. "I wish we hadn't gone anywhere. Now I'm all tired out. And I didn't even catch a—"

"But at that instant something blue and shiny flashed through the air. The next second Willy's tongue shot out and the Blue-bottle Fly vanished down Willy's throat. 'I mean I did!' he said gaily. 'Vesireel! There's nothing like going somewhere. I'm certainly glad I went!'"

—ILLUSTRATIONS BY J. J. MURPHY

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AROUND THE WORLD

Haiti: Land of Contrasts

By TEMPLE MANNING

A NEW American opera with Haiti as its theme and locale has served to focus attention on this country, together with the Dominican Republic, make up a land mass once known as Hispaniola. Haiti is what we would recommend for any traveler in search of a place that is different, check full of personality.

It is a land of contrasts, and this is apparent as soon as one hits Port-au-Prince, capital and main port. There are showy buildings, fine parks bright with fountains and statues, there is the beautiful cathedral and the gleaming white National Palace. And then, in the central part of the city, there are whole streets of even business buildings and houses partly supported on rickety poles.

There are some slum areas, but because of the natural dignity and the disarming simplicity of the residents, there just doesn't seem to be anything dreadful or subjugated about them, and there is a sort of suspended carnival air about the whole place.

Interesting People
If Port-au-Prince had nothing else, it would still have a wonderful attraction in its people from the humblest working class right through to the few hundred families of exquisite culture and indeed, true elegance, that make up the cream of the nation's society.

But to get back to physical aspects of Port-au-Prince: A good spot from which to view the city is from the main hotel on the heights. From the luxurious terrace one looks down on the city and listens to its symphony made up of street sounds, drums, tiny music, donkey brays and crowing cocks. Beyond the blue bay and the flowered flowering trees is a backdrop of mountains, a study in purplish, blue, green and brown tones.

In the city, a national museum does a rather poor job of presenting the history of a country that is full of excitement, action and interest, with items that range from the tall iron anchor from the Santa Maria, to a part of the lower jaw of the giant Christophe, Haiti's Henry I. In another museum, that devoted to ethnology, are items used in voodoo rites.

Strolling Down Street
For the real essence of the country, just stroll the streets of Port-au-Prince. Streets are cluttered, that include such names as Abraham Lincoln and John Brown. The pretentious names of the shops and their proprietors would be amazing, were it not for the natural dignity and strong personality of the people and the place. There are some interesting stores devoted to souvenir items, with emphasis on real tortoiseshell and silver articles, handmade lace and embroideries.

(Ton arrow—Science At Work)



Coastal Packets, Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

A CELEBRATED Professor of Zoology, Dr. Frisch, is reported to have discovered that fish use a language of signals among themselves, to convey warnings and other messages.

It is said that one day a mackerel signalled the approach of the Professor, but a silly cod read the message as "Fish!" and replied "Naturally. What do you expect down here in the sea?" If the Professor could convey to some intelligent fish the fact that his name was very nearly Frisch, a lasting friendship might follow. Perhaps that is the explanation of the companionship between Julius Frisch the poet, and the sea-mullet which used to accompany him to the Blue Famine in Zurich.

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YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

MONDAY, JUNE 27

BORN today, you have such a trustful nature that you often find it difficult to judge people properly. Consequently they can "put something" over on you without half trying. Kind and sympathetic to the troubles of others, you are always ready to help. Learn to safeguard your resources a little more or you may end up as the one asking for financial help at some time in your life. Be generous.

Your emotions are very near the top and you have the so-called artistic temperament which goes with the ability for creative work. You have a strong imagination and must learn to use it constructively rather than let it run away with you. There is a deeply spiritual side to your nature, as well, and if so trained in youth you might wish to enter the service of the Church. If not, part of your life and interests will be spent in helping others.

Your friendly, loving nature is easily swayed by those you love and you must learn not to be too dependent on others. Although you are fond of reading and will want a large library of your own, you are not one to separate yourself socially from others, for you are an excellent host or hostess.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—A day in which you must guard against personal enemies. Be astute in judging people.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Conserve your resources and don't over-extend your budget. Be thrifty to be wise today.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Generally favourable, especially for romance and romance. Make the most of opportunities now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Good for romance and marriage but inadvisable to make business expansions at this time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—An active day, especially if travelling. Be careful of expenditures; avoid important business decisions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Discretion is the better part of valour this day! Don't spend all you have. Save and be thrifty.

side to your nature, as well, and if so trained in youth you might wish to enter the service of the Church. If not, part of your life and interests will be spent in helping others.

Your friendly, loving nature is easily swayed by those you love and you must learn not to be too dependent on others. Although you are fond of reading and will want a large library of your own, you are not one to separate yourself socially from others, for you are an excellent host or hostess.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—A day in which you must guard against personal enemies. Be astute in judging people.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Conserve your resources and don't over-extend your budget. Be thrifty to be wise today.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Generally favourable, especially for romance and romance. Make the most of opportunities now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Good for romance and marriage but inadvisable to make business expansions at this time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—An active day, especially if travelling. Be careful of expenditures; avoid important business decisions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Discretion is the better part of valour this day! Don't spend all you have. Save and be thrifty.

By Harry F. O'Neill

Back Shot



Formula For Bridging The Gap

New York, June 26.—Britain hopes to avoid new austerity cuts by bridging the "dollar gap" with blaster output and lower prices, the British Attorney-General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, said here today.

Questioned by reporters when he arrived from England to speak in Georgia, Oklahoma and Texas, he stated: "We are going to make every effort to bridge the gap of the dollar shortage, even if it means further austerity. 'That we hope to increase our exports by improved productivity, and thereby to lower our prices and bridge the gap in that manner.'"—Reuter.

MORE US CONTROLS TO GO

Washington, June 26.—Falling prices are hastening the removal of many Federal controls which have survived since the war. Although some will still remain, the following will disappear at the end of the fiscal year—at midnight next Thursday:

- 1.—Credit controls over installment buying by consumers. This may mean lower initial payments for motor cars.
- 2.—Anti-inflation controls over bank reserves. Their removal will free about \$800,000,000 in bank funds for lending.
- 3.—Priorities to assure the export of fertilizer and general priority power to speed exports of any other goods whose shipment would further United States foreign policies.
- 4.—The power to regulate the sale and use of the alloy antimony.

Also expiring, but likely to be renewed before the deadline, are the controls over tin and import controls over fats, oils and rice.

The War Assets Administration, now nearing the bottom of its bin of billions of dollars' worth of disposable war surplus, is facing extinction. The so-called war powers contained in the Second Decontrol Act of 1938 are also dying.

Once a web of regulations on rationing, priorities, allocations, and inventories, they have dwindled to small proportions.

The Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Charles Sawyer, this month told Congress that all of them could be dropped because the shortages which promoted them had disappeared. He changed his mind later about this, partly because of the violent labor trouble in the Bolivian tin mines, and also because of possible chaos in the tin trade if the United States suddenly stepped out of control after seven years.

The Agriculture Department asked that import controls over fats and oils be continued. Once the problem was shortage. Now it is surplus. The entry of foreign supplies may have to be held down to protect the Government's farm price support policy.—Reuter.

Anglo-Israeli Claims Talks

Tel-Aviv, June 26.—Anglo-Israeli financial talks on mutual claims arising from the end of the British mandate in Palestine will begin on July 1, it was officially learned here today.

Usually reliable sources said the British claims amounted to \$28,000,000, and that Israel's counter-claim was believed to be equally high.—Reuter.

Steam-Engines On 'The Way Out'

Washington, June 26.—United States railways put 46,829 new waggon and 563 locomotives into service during the first months of this year, according to the Association of American Railroads.

Of the locomotives, 823 were diesel and 40 steam.—United Press.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. Milk.
2. The oxide of zinc, a pigment largely used in place of white lead.
3. A Queen Consort is the wife of a ruling king and a Queen Dowager is the widow of a deceased king.
4. They sailed—best through the long—St. Francis Nightingale.

Ceylon Rubber Industry Faces Grave Crisis

AMERICA'S "CONSUMER CONTROL" OVER WORLD

Colombo, June 26.—The Ceylon Government said today that the United States had a consumer control over the world rubber market, and that the industry in Ceylon was facing a crisis from which it could not, in the long run, be saved either by Government subsidy or legislation.

The statement said that it was inevitable that a large acreage of uneconomic rubber plantations would be turned over to other crops or be re-afforested.

The Government said the future of the industry was unpredictable but that it was suggested that it would become either a smallholders' industry, in which owners provided their own labour to cut, cure, or a highly integrated industry, with large units of 10,000 acres or more, permitting economies through mass production.

"In other words," said the statement, "there is no future for inefficient producers paying minimum wages and other statutory allowances."

It was stated that American factories are capable of producing synthetically 10 or 12 times the total production of the Ceylon industry, and that, because of this, and the fact that the United States carries large stocks of rubber (700,000 tons on March 31) American consumers are able to resist price advances.

"Every effort made so far by the British Government and the governments of the rubber producing countries to secure an economic price for rubber has failed," the statement said.

The statement said that some profits might still be earned if a different system of wages from that now in operation could be devised.

"But with living costs what they are here is a limit beyond which wage reduction cannot be carried out in the long run, it will be a case of the survival of the fittest and the disappearance of high cost producers."—Reuter.

Change In UK Cotton Prices

Manchester, June 26.—The Raw Cotton Commission today advised that the prices of Egyptian cotton sold to English mill owners by a farthing a pound.

This, and other changes, were the first alterations in seven weeks—the longest gap without revisions since the bulk-buying Raw Cotton Commission was formed 18 months ago.

Prices of American grades were unchanged. Egyptian cottons were all reduced by amounts ranging from two pence to three pence a pound.—Associated Press.

HONGKONG SHARES

The turnover on the Stock Exchange this morning was \$78,777.00. Transactions and noon prices:

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MONDAY, JUNE 27

Closing Times By Sea

Telap, Hoihow, Swatow, Amoy, Lintao, Kiammen, Camsing, and Cheung, 5:30 p.m.

Shanghai, Hongkong, Calcutta, Karachi, (Barat, Nairobi, Mombasa, Dar-es-Salaam, Mauritius, Johannesburg, Durban, Cape Town, Alexandria, Alexandria, Rome and London, (Kowloon-Canton) 4:30 p.m. (GPO) 5 p.m.

Singapore 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

Swatow, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, June 28

Closing Times By Air

Manila, Honolulu, USA and Canada, 8 p.m.

Air Parcel Post for Manila, Honolulu, and USA (Kowloon) 10:30 a.m.

Ordinary Air Mail (Printed Matter, Samples and Small Packages) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and USA (Kowloon GPO), 4:30 p.m. (GPO) 5 p.m.

Labuan, 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

Hoihow, Telap, via Hoihow and Swatow, 10 a.m.

Japan, 10 a.m.

Manila, Mauritius, Mombasa, Dar-es-Salaam, Mauritius, Johannesburg, Durban, Cape Town, Alexandria, Alexandria, Rome and London, (Kowloon-Canton) 4:30 p.m. (GPO) 5 p.m.

Singapore 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

Swatow, 4 p.m.

PI Studying Barter Possibilities

Manila, June 26.—The Philippine Government was reportedly today to be conducting exhaustive studies of the possibility of barter trade agreements with nations belonging to the so-called soft currency bloc, similar to that recently concluded between Great Britain and Argentina.

The purpose of the new move, the report is, is to enable the Philippines to find outlets other than the American market which, it is said, has not been able to absorb all the agricultural products of this country, except at prices ruinous to the Filipino producers.

The studies, it is reported, were prompted by numerous recent inquiries received by the Department of Commerce and Industry from Philippine Legations and commercial establishments abroad, although it was understood that the matter had also been under consideration by the Department of Foreign Affairs.—Reuter.

Exchange Rates

Communist Reverse In Belgian Elections

Support For De Gaulle

Dijon, June 26.—A gathering of 20,000 supporters shouted "Yes" here today when General Charles de Gaulle asked them: "Will you remake the State with me?"

The General declared that it was necessary to "unite around the APF (General de Gaulle's Rally of the French People) in order to put France back on her feet and rid her of the anxiety which weighs upon her."

"De Gaulle alone means nothing, but de Gaulle with the French people—this may mean a great deal," he added.

—Reuter.

Terms Offered To Imprisoned Strikers

Wellington, New Zealand, June 26.—The dispute on the 7,932-ton Canadian ship, "Tidale," will be settled as soon as 27 striking members of the Canadian Seamen's Union, now in prison, accept the same terms as those agreed on Friday by the Canadian seamen on strike in London.

The Canadian seamen in London who accepted the four-point agreement on Friday last night decided to resume the strike, saying that the owners had refused to honour it.

The Canadian Pacific Steamships issued a statement in London denying the agreement had been violated and declaring that there would be no victimisation.

The men on June 7 began serving four weeks' sentence for refusing to obey the lawful command of the "Tidale's" master, but steps will be taken to secure their release if they accept the terms. The ship has been strike-bound since April 18.

TERMS OUTLINED

Mr. Harry Davis, the President of the Canadian Seamen's Union, called on K. K. Baxter, Secretary of the New Zealand Federation of Labour, on Saturday, indicating the terms of settlement covering strike-bound Canadian ships.

These were: the seamen to return to their ships without victimisation; no charges to be preferred; seamen not to be required to join the International Seafarers' Union, and all wages and conditions applying before the strike to be maintained.

Mr. Davis said today that, as soon as the "Tidale's" crew intimates their acceptance of the terms and the shipowners agree to the written guarantee of the right to resign, representations will be made by the Federation of Labour to the Acting Minister of Justice, Mr. Fred Jones, for the release of the men. If these, the Federation expects the members of the New Zealand Waterside Workers' Union, who have been supporting the strike, to load the ship with a small cargo available to enable her departure.—Reuter.

EVACUATION CONTINUES

Batavia, June 26.—The Dutch evacuation of Jogjakarta went into its third day today without serious incident, while Dutch field dispatches reported unabated guerrilla activity in West and East Java.

One band of guerrillas reportedly fired on a Dutch military convoy in which the Sultan of Jogjakarta was riding. It was said the Sultan had assumed full responsibility for the maintenance of law and order pending the return of the full Republican government.

Dutch military sources reported that the Republican Army had failed to occupy some evacuated areas in the hills surrounding the town of Yogyakarta.

The sources said the Sultan visited the evacuated areas and dispatched a courier to the hills ordering the major town to be evacuated. The Sultan addressed the evacuated areas in the hills and told them the town was being evacuated. Republican control over the hills was said to be broken by the evacuation.—United Press.

SUCCESS OF SOCIAL CHRISTIAN PARTY

May Enable King Leopold To Return

Brussels, June 26.—Early returns from Parliamentary elections showed tonight that the Social Christian (Catholic) Party, which favours the return of exiled King Leopold, was apparently on its way to victory.

With 60,000 votes counted of nearly 6,000,000 cast, the Catholics received 56 per cent compared with 24 per cent for the Socialists who oppose Leopold's return.

The Liberals had polled 14 per cent of the vote and the Communists only seven per cent. The votes were distributed as follows: Catholics 33,721; Socialists 15,582; Liberals 8,943 and the Communists 4,330.

The Catholics had prepared in their campaign to seek the return of Leopold if they received only 50 per cent of the majority votes. However, party leaders have indicated lately that they would dodge the issue unless they received a huge majority.

The Communist percentage of only seven per cent represented a sharp drop from their total in 1940 when the last Parliamentary elections were held. At that time they polled approximately 13 per cent of the votes cast.

WOMEN'S VOTE

The Minister of the Interior, Pierre Vermeiren, broadcasting over Brussels Radio, said, "The impression one can have at this moment is that the Communists will probably suffer a decrease in their Parliamentary representation."

"It is possible that the Liberals, on the other hand, will show a certain success."

"It is more difficult to make any statement about the fate of the other parties. But I think that speaking by and large one can already forecast their vote."

The main issue of which was the future of exiled King Leopold III.

Socialists and Catholics, the two partners in the out-going two-year-old Coalition, were this evening reported to be positions maintaining their positions.

"RED BELT" DECLINE

At La Louviere, near Mons, in Belgium's so-called "Red Belt," Communists gained 16.2 per cent of today's votes, compared with 23.9 per cent, at the last election in February, 1946.

The percentage of votes for Communists at Lessines in Hainaut Province was 19.8, against 22.8 at the last election. Brussels Radio reported that early semi-official figures from one district of the capital showed that the percentage of Communist votes had fallen from 19 to 10.

Strong forces of gendarmes cordoned off the Ministry of the Interior while the results of the election were being announced there tonight.

All people entering or leaving the building were carefully "screened."

The reason for the precautions was understood to be that the building, laid to rest by the results of the election from centres throughout the country, were cut two days ago.—United Press and Reuter.

THE SATURDAY EVENING POST



Yes, Christopher, The World Is Round!



Firm in the belief that the world is round, three-year-old Christopher Columbus, (that's really his name) plots his flight on an air globe, on arrival at LaGuardia Field by Pan American Clipper from London. Along with his mother and baby brother, he is en route to Ohio to join his dad, M/Sgt. Ernest Columbus.

WHO Squabble In Rome Brought To An End

SUPPLY PROGRAMME AND POLICY ADOPTED

Rome, June 26.—A politically tinged squabble over the World Health Organisation's policy on medical supplies and equipment ended abruptly today when delegates voted overwhelmingly to stop the discussion.

The argument was opened on Saturday in the programme committee by Bulgaria, Hungary and Albania with a demand that WHO embark on a large scale supply operation.

Doctor P. Tagarov, Bulgarian delegate, repeating his charges of political discrimination, told the delegates that the Truman four-point programme "has the same aims and results as the Marshall Plan."

After speeches by delegates of Hungary, Albania and Yugoslavia, the committee adopted a closure motion by Dr. R. H. Barrett of the United Kingdom delegation by a 20-3 vote. The committee then decided a motion by Albania to create a subcommittee to study the supply programme.

Immediately afterward the regular medical supply programme and policy proposed by the executive committee was adopted. The U.S. delegation led the opposition on Saturday to the proposal to turn WHO into a supply agency.

Dr. Leonard Scheele, U.S. chief delegate, told the committee that the "economic problem was to be solved through established peace-time channels. Dr. Scheele, who is U.S. Surgeon-General, also urged the committee to adopt the Executive Board's recommendations.

The Board's policy pledges governments in their efforts to obtain medical supplies through international economic machinery.

WHO is also to continue providing supplies for its own work and for specific projects and emergencies caused by epidemics. Governments are to pay for supplies used where possible. In some cases, the Board stated, payment would be in kind, such as food, clothing, or other goods.

The WHO 1950 budget estimates provide a total of approximately half a million dollars for supplies. Final approval by the Assembly of this programme and the medical supply policy will come later in the week.

Today's session also noted and referred to the Executive Board's protest by Poland that formulae and "production methods" of streptomycin, chloromycetin and aureomycin have not been published.

The protest also charged that new production methods of penicillin are kept secret. Poland did not insist that the committee adopt the protest as a resolution.—Associated Press.

Dope Smuggling Arrests

Karlsruhe, Germany, June 26.—Police here today said the German police had rounded up members of an alleged dope-smuggling gang operating in the Western Zone of Germany. The police made 21 arrests and confiscated 100 pounds of heroin and 100 pounds of cocaine.—United Press.

Czechs Called To Harvest

Workers To Give Up Holidays

Prague, June 26.—The Communist press told Czechoslovaks today that if they want to eat more they will have to help with the harvest and learn to take care of every grain of wheat.

Obviously embarrassed by the 20 per cent cut in the meat ration ordered for July, the party organ Rude Pravo promised that this would be only temporary if the new harvest was correctly handled.

It called upon factory and office workers to devote their summer holidays to brigade work in the fields.

Rude Pravo also made this an occasion to warn the population that "the most guard this year's harvest, which promises to be good, against the hatred and frustration of the reaction which has been spreading lying rumours through the villages that the agricultural prices will drop."

REDS' EXPLANATION

"This year, as last year—when the food shortage gave reactionaries plenty of scope—we shall know how to handle the situation and mercilessly pursue all those who would serve the domestic and foreign reaction."

In cutting the monthly meat ration for the normal consumer from about 1,500 grammes to 1,200 grammes, the Communists explained that this was due to the lingering effects of the 1947 drought.

Rude Pravo attempted to sweeten this pill by pointing to the very black outlook in the Western capitalist countries. "In the U.S., France, Brazil, Argentina and other Western countries, the outlook of farmers is very black due to the fact that consumers have less money to buy food," the Communist organ said.

"This contrasts with the secure and happy future of farmers in this country who are sure they will be able to sell their products for good prices."—Associated Press.

Newspaper Amalgamation

Melbourne, June 26.—Daily Mirror Newspapers, Ltd., and Sunday Pictorial Newspapers, Ltd., of London, have purchased a large block of shares in The Argus and Australasian, Ltd., the Melbourne newspaper, The Argus, announced today.

The Argus announcement added, "This purchase marks the fall of a big British publishing house in the future of the Australian people and the Australian press."

The Argus will continue its policy as an independent newspaper. "The Board of The Argus are pleased to add to their number two representatives of the new interest."

H. G. Bartholomew, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Daily Mirror and Sunday Pictorial, arrived in Melbourne on June 23 for a brief visit. The Melbourne Sun said today it understood that the Daily Mirror's managing editor, Mr. Sydney Elliott, who came to Australia with Mr. Bartholomew, would be one of the new Directors.

The Argus, one of Melbourne's three morning dailies, was established in 1846.—Reuter.

Heat Wave To Last

Chicago, June 26.—The United States was warned today not to expect any immediate relief from the suffocating heat wave which enveloped most of the country during the past week.

The Weather Bureau reported hot, humid weather until further notice and held out little hope for rain in any appreciable quantity.—United Press.

MORE DEMONSTRATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN

Kabul, Afghanistan, June 26.—A mass demonstration by the inhabitants of the Kalam, Italik, Karabagh and Shakar Darra districts, about 30 miles north of here, in protest against what they termed "Pakistan's transgressions and bombardment of Afghan territory," was reported by the Afghan news agency, Bakhter, today.

The Afghan Foreign Minister, Mawlagi, attended by the staffs of all Ministries, civil and military officials, students and the general public, gathered at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to discuss the situation.

The incident, in which 15 persons were said to have been killed and 200 wounded, was described as having taken place at Mawlagi. The demonstration, however, was not a violent one, and the demonstrators were not armed.

The demonstrators were said to have been demanding "immediate measures" for the withdrawal of Pakistani troops from the border and the cessation of the bombardment of Afghan territory. The demonstrators were also demanding the release of the Afghan prisoners of war.

POCKET CARTOON



Religious Freedom Is Dead

Archbishop Beran Charges Czech Govt

Prague, June 26.—Archbishop Josef Beran today charged that nuns and priests were being forcibly removed from Czech convents and monasteries and being shipped to other Church properties in freight cars.

In a second pastoral letter smuggled past the tight police guards on his palace and read in some churches today, the Archbishop declared that religious freedom in Czechoslovakia was dead and warned Catholics that their "hour of trial" was near.

The letter said the secret police were in control of the Archbishop's palace. The Archbishop himself did not appear in any of Prague's Catholic churches today, but his pastoral letter was the second secretly delivered to his palace since the police occupied his palace on June 16.

The defiant anti-government letter was read in several Catholic churches, touching off at least one demonstration in which hecklers demanded that the Archbishop be hanged.

Women wept and small groups of men screamed at each other after the 4,000-word letter had been read from the pulpit of the small, ancient Church of Crusaders near Prague's Charles Street.

CATHEDRAL SILENT

The letter was read in five Catholic churches here, including St. Vitus Cathedral, where the Roman Catholic priest himself was shouted down last week by Communist hecklers. At the Cathedral, it was read at the 9 a.m. Mass in silence, broken only by muffled sobs and whispers, but in the Church of Crusaders, small groups of men dispersed through the crowd of 400 at the 10 a.m. Mass, shouting, "Hang them (Board of Bishops) and their chief."

Others in the congregation began singing hymns, drowning out the shouts. As the hecklers left the Church, others followed them, still singing.

The pastoral letter and the accompanying "directive to the clergy" bade Roman Catholic priests boycott the "Catholic" news organ published by the government. It told clergymen to return unread all copies they might receive of the government-published New Catholic News and Catholic Clergy Gazette.

Archbishop Beran also circulated the text of the Vatican statement excommunicating members of the government's "Catholic Action" Committee and warned his followers to listen to the Vatican radio for further news of the Church. He cautioned followers against trying to get in touch with his police-held office.

The Archbishop also suggested that Catholic priests attach outside antennas to their radio sets for better reception from the Vatican and he gave them the wavelengths and times.—United Press.

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